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FOR SALAZAR FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: NIAMEY JAO STAFFING

REF: A. STATE 102714, B. OUAGADOUGOU 1466, C. ACCRA 2958

1. VERY APPRECIATIVE YOUR MEMO QUOTED REFTEL A.
2. WE HAVE BEEN MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EXTENSIVE TDY SERVICES PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT. IN FACT, ONLY BY SUCH SERVICES AND THE HERCULEAN EFFORT OF OUR ONE GSO HAS POST BEEN ABLE TO MAINTAIN MINIMUM FUNCTION CAPABILITY. WITH TERMINATION OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY ASSISTANCE WE MUST CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES.
3. REGRETFULLY, I MUST CONCLUDE THAT THE ONLY EXPLANATION FOR THE SHOCKING UNRESPONSIVENESS OF AID IN PROVIDING POSITIONS AND STAFF FOR JAO IS A SURPRISING WEAKNESS. FIRST, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE RIGHT PEOPLE DO NOT EXIST IN AID; THEREFORE NONE ARE AVAILABLE FOR THESE FIELD POSITIONS. SECONDLY, ONE COULD SURMISE THAT AID IS DELIBERATELY

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SABOTAGING THE JAO BUT THAT IS SO UNTHINKABLE THAT I AM EMBARRASSED TO FACE THE FACT THAT IT IS POSSIBLE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE LONG SAD HISTORY OF BROKEN PROMISES, EARLY RETIREMENTS, MYTHOLOGICAL BODIES, NON-EXISTANT POSITIONS, I AM AT LAST FORCED TO FACE THE REALITY OF AN ORGANIZATION CRIPPLED AT BIRTH (COULD THERE HAVE BEEN

AN ABORTION ATTEMPT?) WHICH ONLY A MIRACLE OF RESTORED FAITH AND EXPEDITIOUS ACTION CAN RENDER WHOLE. SINCE THIS ORGANIZATION IS VITAL TO OUR TOTAL MISSION EFFORT AND PROGRAMS, WE HAVE TO MODIFY OUR ACTIVITIES TO AVOID TOTAL COLLAPSE. WE CANNOT SUPPORT OUR ROBUST PROGRAM EFFORT ON THE SPINDLY, RICKETY LEGS OF OUR JAO.

5. REGRETFULLY, IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY REASONABLE COURSE OF ACTION FOR THIS POST IS THE COMMENDABLE ACTION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OUAGADOUGOU.

6. UNLESS ALL POSITIONS ARE IN PLACE AND STAFF FIRMLY COMMITTED, I WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FORBID ALL TDY TO NIAMEY AND TO CURTAIL THE ADDITION OF ANY NEW PROGRAM OR PROGRAM SUPPORT STAFF. I WILL REVIEW THIS SITUATION AS OF MAY 8, 1978.JAMES

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